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Commissioner for Patents  
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Date May 9, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

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- a. ☒ Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).

- b. ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

Reference BA (KR 2000-5962) is not in the English language and we have Received no translation.

Reference BB (JP 11-355668) corresponds to the Korean reference (BA). Please see the English Abstract.

- c. ☒ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

Please see the Korean Patent Office Action dated 2/26/2003 (No translation provided).

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- or
- b. ☐ See the certification below. No fee is required.

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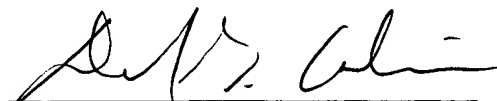
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- b. ☐ no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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Respectfully submitted,

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	BB	JP 11-355668	12/24/1999	Japan			See English Abstract
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